On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

The first clause was read and passed. Second clause read and passed.

The third clause, recommending the payment of $120 to Messrs. W. & J. Willis, elicited considerable discussion.

The clause passed.

The fourth clause was read,

Ald. McPhail moved, that the clause be referred back to the committee to report. He did not believe in squandering the public money in this manner.

Ald. McBride moved, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that five copies be taken. Lost —7 for, 9 against.

Clause passed.

The last clause of the report was read.

The clause passed, and on motion the report was adopted.

Ald. McBride, chairman, submitted the following report of the fire, water and gas committee:

1st. Your committee have made diligent inquiry as to the cause of so many street lamps not being lighted during the first quarter of this year, and found that the police record shows the number not lit to be 2,173. The gas company's record show only 857, which their foreman explained to be occasioned by the severe frost, breakage of glass, and also by many being turned off by mischievous parties. Your committee were of opinion that a proportionate reduction should be made, when they were at once referred to the contract as above enumerated, the company expressing themselves willing that the city should light, extinguish and keep them in repair, they furnishing the gas only. The company further stated that the quality of gas was good, and the full amount as called for by contract, viz.: 2½ feet per hour, but that to get a good light would require a burner of a capacity to consume not less than four feet per hour, at a cost of $22 per lamp per annum, instead of $18, as now paid.

2nd. In the matter of the complaint of Thomas Brennan, your committee duly notified him to attend, but he failed to appear, and we recommend no action.

3rd. The quarterly account of the City Gas Company for the quarter ending March 31st, $972.27, as per contract, your committee submit for payment.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

The first clause was read.

Ald. Smyth moved, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the entire report be referred back to the committee for consideration. Carried.

Ald. Brown brought up his notice of motion, and tendered his resignation as chairman of the license committee.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Starr, that the resignation of Ald. Brown be not accepted, but that he give the committee another trial.

Ald. Brown finally withdrew his motion.

Ald. McDonald, chairman of the salaries committee, submitted the following report:

Your salaries committee beg leave to report, and recommend the following salaries for the present year, viz.:

City Chamberlain	$1,000
(with an addition of $100 for the purpose of paying premium on a guarantee assurance policy.)	
City Clerk	1,000
Police Clerk, registrar of deaths, &c	200
City Engineer	800
(with free use of office in city building.)	
Hospital Physician (including medicine)	500
Steward and Matron	500
Janitor City Hall Buildings	440
Clerk of the Weigh Scales	600
Auditors ($60 each)	120
Clerk of Wood Market	350
City Inspector and Health Officer	500

Your committee have fixed no salary for the assessors; changes in the mode of assessing having been made and additional offices created, your committee was of the opinion that the finance and assessment committee should take the place of salaries pertaining to assessment upon themselves.

The salaries of the officers and members of the new fire department have been already arranged by the fire, water and gas committee, and ratified by the council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was received.

Moved by Ald. Graydon, seconded by Ald. Cronyn, that the report be laid over until the next meeting of the council. Carried.

Ald. Egan submitted the following report of the park committee:

Your committee beg to recommend—First, that when guards have been granted by this corporation for the protection of trees planted along the various streets of this city, that unless the trees now dead be replaced within one month from this date, the said guards shall be sent back to the corporation and disposed of by the city inspector.

2nd. That the trees requiring to be replaced in the vicinity of the cricket field and ordnance lands be attended to at once.

3rd. That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the procuring of tree guards, and that application for said guards by citizens be made to the city inspector, said application to be subject to an equitable distribution to be made by your committee.

4th. That the inspector report all hogs at large which may be proving a nuisance, and take such means as he may be authorised to remedy the evil.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Ald. McDonald moved, seconded by Ald. McBride, that the report be laid over until the next meeting. Lost.

Ald. Egan moved, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that the report be adopted. Lost.

Moved by Ald. Christie, that the report be taken up clause by clause. Carried.

The first and second clauses were read and passed. Third clause read.

Moved by Ald. Rapley, seconded by Ald. McBride, that the third clause be struck out.

Moved by Ald. Starr, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the clause pass. Lost.

Ald. Rapley's motion was carried on the following vote: Partridge, jr., Christie, McDonald, Smyth, McBride, Shaw, Graydon, Rapley, Partridge, sr.

Nays—Williams, Cronyn, Starr, Beattie, Brown, Leonard, Egan.

The fourth clause passed.

The report was then adopted as amended.

Ald. McBride moved, that the gas meter rent in the City Hall, market and engine house be paid, so as to save the 25 per cent. discount. Carried.

Ald. Smyth moved, seconded by Ald. Moffat, that the board of works get the city solicitor's opinion regarding the liability of the city in keeping up the approaches to bridges on this side of the river, and also their liability with regard to keeping Adelaide street in repair. Carried.

On motion of Ald. McBride, the rule of order requiring an adjournment at eleven o'clock, was suspended.

The by-law regulating the new fire department, and appointing the officers and men, was read three times and passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, Ald. Graydon moved, seconded by Ald. Shaw, that the following members of this council, namely, Aldermen Moffat, McBride, Murray, Shaw, Cronyn and Partridge, jr., with His Worship the Mayor be a special committee of this council to revise the rules of order of this council, and report the same. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Cronyn, seconded by Ald. McDonald, that the same committee take charge of the by-laws now being consolidated. Carried.

Ald. Egan moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that this council rescind a resolution passed by this council, requiring the consent of two aldermen, previous to the expenditure of any moneys for ward purposes, and that all improvements be under the supervision of the city engineer and street commissioner, wherever most required and necessary. Carried.

Ald. McBride moved, seconded by Ald. Moffat, that Ald. Egan be appointed a member of the fire, water and gas committee for No. 7 Ward, in place of Ald. Partridge, sr., who refused to serve.

The motion of Ald. McBride was carried, and the clock pointed to 11.20 when the council adjourned for two weeks.